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In regard to the application of: Asher PORATH

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The present application is a divisional application under 35 U.S.C. §111(a) of U.S. Application No. 09/744,879 which is a national application under 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT Application No. PCT/IL98/00359.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to review and consider this art, in accordance with MPEP 2001.06 and to indicate in the first office action that he has considered this art. Additionally, the Examiner is respectfully requested to cite those prior art publications mentioned in this application which the Examiner considers to be material or relevant to the present claims.

Further, in order to comply with discretionary regulations 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98, attached is an Equivalent to Form PTO-1449 listing the cited art. This art contains information which the Examiner may consider to be important in deciding whether to allow the present application to issue as a patent.

Applicant wishes to point out that the listed items 1, 3, 6, 8 and 10-20 were cited in U.S. Application No. 09/744,879. Additionally, items 2, 4, 5, 7 and 9 were cited by the Examiner in the U.S. parent case. Copies of these items are not attached as they are available in the parent file.

In accordance with MPEP Section 609 it is requested that each document cited [including any mentioned in Applicant's specification which is not repeated on the attached (or prior) PTO-1449 form(s) or equivalents thereof] be given thorough consideration and be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing on the PTO-1449

form or its equivalent, so that it will appear on the face of the patent issuing on the present application, even if the Examiner does not consider it sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56 as an Examiner might consider any cited document important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, but the citation of each document is not to be construed as an admission that such document is necessarily relevant or prior art. No representation is intended that the cited documents represent the results of a complete search, and it is anticipated that the Examiner in the normal course of examination, will make an independent search and will determine the best prior art consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.104(a), and in the course of such search will review for relevance every document cited on the attached form.

Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
Asher PORATH

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